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SUBJECT:PRESS SUMMARY - DECEMBER 18

1. NYT (PAGE 1) DAVID SHIPLER REPORTS SOVIET OFFICIALS  
PLAYING DOWN RUSSIAN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA SAYING IT ONLY  
TANGENTIAL TO COURSE SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY AND SHOULD  
NOT BE ALLOWED DAMAGE SOVIET-AMERICAN DETENTE.

2. NYT (PAGE 14) REPORT FROM GENEVA SAYS U.S.-SOVIET  
SALT TALKS ADJOURN.

3. NYT (PAGE 18) DAVID ANDCLMAN FROM CANBERRA SAYS NEW  
CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT IS REPORTED PREPARING TO INFORM  
MOSCOW THAT AUSTRALIA DOES NOT RECOGNIZE INCORPORATION  
BALTIC STATES INTO SOVIET UNION.

4. NYT (PAGE 61) RICHARD SHEPARD FROM NYC SAYS SOVIET  
CIRCUS DAZZLES.

5. WP (PAGE 16) MURREY MARDER REPORTS SECRETARY SERIOUSLY  
CONCERNED THAT UPROAR IN U.S. OVER COVERT INVOLVEMENT IN  
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ANGOLA CAN REBOUND DAMAGINGLY AGAINST U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE.

6. WP (OP-ED PAGE) VICTOR ZORZA CONCLUDES IN "THE KREMLIN

HARD-LINE..." THAT MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION POSSIBLY RESULTS FROM WASHINGTON'S FAILURE TO DELIVER ON PROMISES MADE TO BREZHNEV OR HE THOUGHT MADE AT FIRST SUMMIT AND SITUATION SUCH THAT ANY MAJOR CONCESSIONS MADE NOW WOULD ONLY STRENGTHEN HARD-LINERS. ALSO CSM.

7. WP (OP-ED PAGE) EVANS-NOVAK SAY IN "...AND THE U.S. RESPONSE" (TO HARD-LINE) THAT U.S. HAS DEVISED NO SURE WAY TO SLOW SOVIET GLOBAL EFFORT NOTING THAT DETENTE WAS BASED ON THEORY THAT MOSCOW, LIKE WASHINGTON DESIRED RESPIRE FROM COSTLY AND FREQUENTLY BLOODY COMPETITION.

8. SUN (OP-ED PAGE) EDIT, "THE NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN" SAYS ALTHOUGH A CONSERVATIVE PLAN PROJECTS 35 PERCENT INCREASE IN FOREIGN TRADE, GROWTH RATE IN DEFENSE EXPENDITURES AND INVESTMENTS IN ENERGY HAS SOVIET UNION NEAR END OF BREZHNEV ERA EMERGING TRUE TO FORM: PONDEROUS, PERSISTENT, CALCULATING, TOUGH.

9. STAR (OP-EDPAGE) CROSBY NOYES' "REPOSE FAITH IN TREATIES OR IN OUR OWN STRENGTH?" SAYS RELY ON LATTER SINCE SOVIETS DETERMINED TO ACHIEVE CLEAR-CUT SUPERIORITY OVER U.S. IN BOTH STRATEGIC AND CONVENTIONAL MILITARY POWER AND SEE THE POTENTIAL USEFULNESS OF THAT SUPERIORITY IN POLITICAL CONTEXT.

10. CSM (PAGE 3) STORY POSES QUESTION: ARE SOVIETS TESTING LASERS TO BLIND U.S. SPY SATELLITES?

11. CSM (PAGE 10) AP FROM GENEVA SAYS SOVIETS PLAN MARKET IN WEST 100,000 OF FIRST GOLD COINS TO COME OUT OF SOVIET MINTS IN MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY. KISSINGER

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